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**Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Assoc., Inc.**

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May 12, 2003

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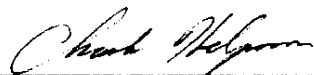
Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
**Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS**  
 Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Assn., Inc. will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

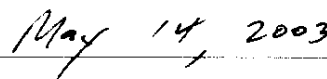
Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Assn., Inc.	CO	462186

Signed,



Chuck Helgerson  
 General Manager/CEO

Date:



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